## **USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator**

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

## The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 4.60, down 3.5 points from last week.

## This Week:

Demand for shell eggs continues to decline from the holiday highs but remains above average. Increased retail feature activity over the past week at attractive average ad pricing has helped to steel interest. Wholesale prices of cartoned eggs are firm to higher on light to moderate offerings and moderate supplies. Trading is moderate. Prices for loose eggs are reversing last week's downward trend and are posting small gains, Supplies and offerings are in a moderate balance on moderate trading. Prices for breaking stock are unchanged on light offerings and moderate supplies. Demand is moderate with full-time schedules. Trading is slow. The survey of retail outlets indicates a decline in activity with not change in the average ad price, currently at very attractive level to incentivize consumption.

#### Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

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Percentage flock in molt

1.0% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

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Productive table egg layer flock 322,037,770 (total flock - (total flock \* molt))

## **Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -**

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate 82.6% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Total egg production 266,003,198 (total productive flock \* lay rate)

Total eggs into breaking stock 76,076,915 (28.60% of daily shell egg production to breakers)

Table eggs for in-shell use 189,926,283 (egg production \* (100% - % to breaking stock))

Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 527,573 (eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

### Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

USDA shell egg inventory

Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock

Shell egg cases produced each day

26-week rolling average of days on hand

Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing

1,471,300 30-dozen cases (from USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory report)

61.0% (shell egg inventory cooperators control 61% of productive flock)

321,820 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production \* 61%))

(804,549 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)

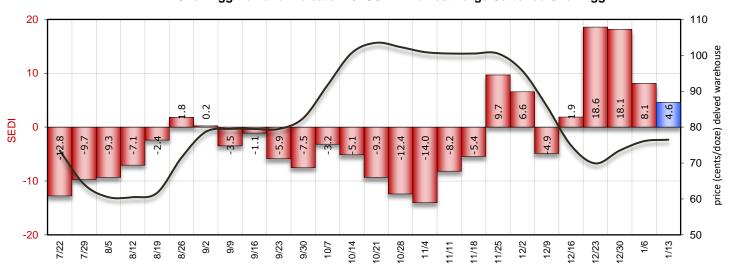
4.78 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)4.57 (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

**Shell Egg Demand Indicator** 

4.60

((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) \* 100

# Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned Shell Egg



Sources: USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs (pec-bb); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type
USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory (Mon)

USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection (Wed)

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